

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 4/14/20 virtual meeting

Volunteerism

- Volunteer Center Network will be hosting a virtual meeting for volunteer coordinators to connect on April 22 at 9AM via [Zoom](#). If you are not signed up through the Volunteer Center, connect with Lee Anne to receive the meeting details. Please share this resource opportunity with agencies you work with.
- Virtual volunteer opportunities continue to be encouraged. Remember to post those on Volunteer Center's website or contact Lee Anne for assistance to post.

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **United Way** will send out invite for the upcoming virtual meeting to the Volunteer Center Network.
- 2) **Nonprofit agencies:**
 - a. Email Lee Anne Raleigh (leeanne@uwofsc.org) to submit your wish list of items or for help uploading/updating your volunteer opportunities.
 - b. Upload and update your volunteer opportunities online.
 - c. If you are not already part of the Volunteer Center, contact Lee Anne to be added to the list for the Volunteer Center Network virtual meeting.

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- 5,000 copied of MHA's COVID-19 Community Resource Card have already been printed and distributed. Another 5,000 are currently being printed. If you are unable to print your own, contact MHA at info@mhasheboygan.org with a printing request (include quantity and if you would like any Spanish or Hmong versions).
- UWSC continues conversations with Public Health on creating a community website for COVID-19 resources.
- Please continue sending updates for UWSC's [COVID-19 Community Resource page](#).
- Sheboygan County Strong campaign has begun with billboards throughout the county directing people to SheboyganCountyStrong.com, which is a landing page on United Way's website for how to get help, give help, community updates and the COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network. Please share out the website and use the #SheboyganCountyStrong.
- 211 stats since March 16:
 - Number of calls: 203
 - Top calls:
 - Housing & Shelter (43)
 - Shelter (1), Rent assistance (40), Mortgage assistance (1), and Landlord/tenant issues (1)
 - Food (34)
 - Help buying food (6), Food pantries (23), and Home delivered meals (5)
 - Utilities (21)
 - Electric (17), Gas (2), Heat/Phone/Internet (2)

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **United Way** will be continuing conversations with Public Health for starting a public COVID-19 Resource website.

- 2) **United Way** will look into the best ways to be sharing out community resources, specifically via the Next Door app and through the neighborhood associations/Sheboygan Pride.
- 3) **Nonprofit agencies:**
 - a. Share out the SheboyganCountyStrong website and hashtag.
 - b. Update information in the 211 database. ([Click here to fill out the online form.](#))
**Make sure you verify your email or else your listing may not be found.*

Open Discussion – Community Needs

- Continued discussion around minority/immigrant support.
 - The Food Bank shared that most pantries are not requesting documents, unless they have to based on federal funding.
 - Deborah Lee (Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County) and Paul Aparicio (Love INC and Grace Episcopal Church) will connect regarding minority and immigrant support and possible support group.
- Sharing of translation services was brought up.
 - Food Bank will reach out to pantry leadership to determine if any of them may be able to translate.
 - Safe Harbor is willing to be a resource for translation services and video clips discussing your services and support available related to COVID-19 in Hmong and Spanish speaking languages. This is being offered to assist in providing accessible services during this crisis to these populations. Reach out to Deborah Lee, Executive Director of Safe Harbor via e-mail at deborahl@sheboygansafeharbor.org if you are interested in utilizing their advocates in that way.
- LOVE Inc is working with the Food Bank to deliver food boxes to individuals who are unable to pick up their boxes. Meals on Wheels continues to be an option for the homebound to receive prepared meals.
- LOVE Inc is putting a call out to pastors this week for them to be able to better respond to grief during this time.
- Salvation Army has created an Emotional & Spiritual Care Line; they are available 9AM-9PM 7 days a week at 1-888-651-7294.

ACTION STEPS:

- **Safe Harbor** will keep everyone updated on what they find relating to xenophobia and resources to share with minorities.
- **Boys and Girls Club** will do targeting check-ins with minority club families and report back their findings.
- **LOVE Inc** will update the Network on the status of the grief support they are looking to provide.
- **Nonprofit agencies:** Reach out to [Kate Baer](#) for additional topics that you would like to be discussed in this area.

Open Discussion – Agency/Staffing Needs

- Mental Health America in Sheboygan County are continuing to explore virtual meeting spaces for individuals in leadership roles.
- SaintA is hosting a virtual gathering about compassion curve in our communities. The session will focus on supporting those in a helping role (healthcare, mental health, human services, child welfare, and community based supports). There is no cost to attend but they ask people to register. [To register for the April 16th event click here](#) & [To register for the May 14th event click here](#)

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **Nonprofit agencies:** reach out to [Kate Baer](#) for additional topics that you would like to be discussed in this area.
- 2) **Reminder:**
 - a. As you plan your events, fill this form out for access to a shared Google Calendar: <https://forms.gle/pC66ixg9kAuKR5rJ6>.
 - b. As your events are finalized, post event details on Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce: <https://business.sheboygan.org/events/public-submission>

Upcoming Event Updates/Other Notes

- Scouting for Food has become an online food drive directing people to the Sheboygan County Food Bank. Look for more information on social media.
- Thank you to Tricia Erpelding for wrapping up the meeting with a Mindful Moment.

Questions?

- **Nonprofit Response Network** | Kate Baer (kate@uwofsc.org)
- **Relief Fund Applications** | Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org)
- **Relief Fund Contributions** | Emily Kaiser (emily@uwofsc.org)
- **Community Resource Marketing & Outreach** | Katelyn Piper (katelyn@uwofsc.org)
- **Volunteer Opportunities** | Lee Anne Raleigh (leeanne@uwofsc.org)

For immediate questions regarding COVID-19, contact our local public health department at 920-459-0321.